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Statistical analysis of internet banking usage with logistic regression

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Abstract

Internet banking is an important phenomenon in the contemporary banking industry. The purpose of this paper is to analyze the characteristics of internet banking users in Northern Cyprus. 483 respondents were surveyed. Logistic regression was used to evaluate the impact of age, gender, income, marital status, education, profession, comfort level with computers and previous experience of shopping online on the likelihood of people using internet banking. The results indicate that 56-65 year olds were less likely to adopt internet banking than 18-25 year olds. The odds of adopting internet banking were higher for male respondents compared to females. Married individuals were less likely to adopt internet banking than single respondents were. The likelihood of adopting internet banking rose with increasing levels of income. Respondents with master's or PhD degrees were more likely to adopt internet banking compared to primary and secondary school graduates. Respondents who have previously shopped online and have a high comfort level with computers had a greater tendency towards adopting internet banking. Sole proprietors, public sector workers, private sector workers and students were less likely to adopt internet banking than banking personnel.

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1. Introduction

Internet banking has become an important phenomenon with the rapid development of the internet. In an attempt to increase the diffusion of internet banking, several studies have been performed. Some of these studies examined the relationship between certain factors and the intention to use internet banking^{1,6,17}. Variables such as perceived ease of use, perceived usefulness, perceived risk, internet banking competence, perceived playfulness, social

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influences and trust have been employed in these studies. The relationship between demographic variables such as age, gender, marital status and the intention to use internet banking have been examined in other studies^{3,4}. The purpose of this paper is to analyze the characteristics of internet banking users in Northern Cyprus. Variables used are age, gender, income, marital status, education, profession, comfort level with computers and previous experience of shopping online. To the best knowledge of the author, this is the first such study carried out in Northern Cyprus.

2. Literature Review

In New Zealand Gan and Clemes study showed that internet banking users were younger than non-users³. Li and Lai suggested that males had a significantly higher intention to use internet banking than females¹².

In Poland, the duration of internet banking usage, usage of internet at work and previous experience with internet transactions were used to examine whether or not familiarity with the internet increased the likelihood of internet banking adoption. Polasik and Wisniewski concluded that familiarity with the internet medium positively affected the probability of using internet banking¹⁴. In a study done in Austria, familiarity of the internet also had a positive effect on the attitudes toward internet banking⁹.

Devlin and Yeung suggested that internet banking users were younger, had better education and had higher incomes compared to non-users².

Venkatesh argued that computer self-efficacy was an antecedent of perceived ease of use¹⁶. Perceived ease of use affected both the perceived usefulness and behavioral intention to use information technologies. Karajaluoto et al suggested that prior experience with computers positively affected the intention to use internet banking⁷. Laforet and Li concluded that internet banking users had more computer experience than non-users¹⁰.

Kolodinsky et al concluded that mature respondents were less likely to adopt PC and phone banking while higher income individuals had an increased chance of adoption⁸. Married couples were more likely to adopt than single individuals.

Lassar et al concluded that income had a significantly positive relationship with online banking in the United States¹¹. In Brazil, Hernandez and Mazzon concluded that internet banking adopters were younger and more educated⁵. According to Ozdemir et al internet banking adopters had a higher income compared to non-adopters in Turkey¹³.

Serener, B argued that the risk perceptions of banking personnel were lower than other professional groups, which meant that banking personnel were more willing to adopt internet banking¹⁵.

In the light of the aforementioned discussion, we propose that:

H1: Younger individuals are more likely to adopt internet banking

H2: Males are more likely to adopt internet banking

H3: Higher income individuals are more likely to adopt internet banking

H4: Married couples are more likely to adopt internet banking

H5: Educated individuals are more likely to adopt internet banking

H6: Banking personnel are more likely to adopt internet banking

H7: An increased comfort level with computers increases the likelihood of internet banking adoption

H8: Previous online shopping experience increases the chance of internet banking adoption

Table 1. Demographic characteristics of respondents

Variable (n= 483)	Frequency	Percent (%)
<i>Age</i>		
18 - 25	114	23.2
26 - 35	165	34.2
36 - 45	125	25.9
46 - 55	61	12.6
56 - 65	18	3.7
<i>Gender</i>		
Female	253	52.4
Male	230	47.6

<i>Nationality</i>		
Turkish Cypriot	328	67.9
Turkish	92	19
Other	63	13
<i>Income</i>		
0 – 1,500TL	96	19.9
1,501 – 3,000 TL	193	40
>3,001 TL	194	40.2
<i>Marital Status</i>		
Single	233	48.2
Married	250	51.8
<i>Education</i>		
Primary and Secondary School	34	7
High School	146	30.2
2 Year University	18	3.7
University	212	43.9
Master's or Ph.D.	73	15.1
<i>Profession</i>		
Sole Proprietor	34	7
Public Sector Worker	142	29.4
Private Sector Worker	136	28.2
Retired	32	6.6
Student	92	19
Banking Personnel	47	9.7
TL = Turkish Lira		

Table 2. Internet Banking Usage and Online Shopping of Respondents

Items (n=483)	Frequency	Percent (%)
<i>Do you use internet banking?</i>		
No	231	47.8
Yes	252	52.2
<i>Have you ever shopped online?</i>		
No	346	71.6
Yes	137	28.4

Table 3. Comfort level with computers

	Min	Max	Mean	Std. Deviation
Comfort level with computers	1	7	5.37	1.55

Table 4. Logistic regression model predicting internet banking usage

Variable	β	SE	Wald	p	OR
Constant	-3.82	1.03	13.66	0.00	0.02
<i>Age</i>					
(18 – 25)			9.69	0.05*	
26 - 35	0.44	0.45	0.93	0.34	1.55
36 - 45	0.47	0.51	0.82	0.37	1.59
46 - 55	-0.37	0.59	0.40	0.53	0.69
56 - 65	-1.94	1.00	3.70	0.05*	0.14
<i>Gender</i>					
(Female)					
Male	0.57	0.24	5.62	0.02*	1.76
<i>Income</i>					
(0 – 1,500TL)			17.46	0.00***	
1,501 – 3,000 TL	1.30	0.40	10.35	0.00***	3.65
>3,001 TL	1.96	0.47	17.46	0.00***	7.10

<i>Marital Status</i>					
(Single)					
Married	-0.77	0.29	6.93	0.01**	0.46
<i>Education</i>					
(Primary and Secondary School)			5.03	0.28	
High School	0.80	0.58	1.88	0.17	2.22
2 Year University	1.44	0.83	3.03	0.08	4.23
University	1.05	0.58	3.28	0.07	2.85
Master's or Ph.D.	1.25	0.63	3.95	0.05*	3.51
<i>Profession</i>					
(Banking Personnel)			14.73	0.01**	
Sole Proprietor	-1.31	0.68	3.72	0.05*	0.27
Public Sector Worker	-1.98	0.56	12.37	0.00***	0.14
Private Sector Worker	-1.47	0.55	7.01	0.01**	0.23
Retired	-1.47	0.79	3.45	0.06	0.23
Student	-1.93	0.70	7.70	0.01**	0.15
Comfort level with computers	0.54	0.10	29.27	0.00**	1.71
Previous experience of shopping online.	1.05	0.27	15.73	0.00***	2.87
Notes. Dependent variable: internet banking usage. OR = odds ratio, SE = standard error.					
*p < 0.05 ; **p < 0.01; *** p < 0.001					

3. Method

3.1. Sample

Demographic characteristics of the data are shown in Table 1. The sample consisted of 483 respondents. A total of 52.2 percent of the sample were internet banking users and 47.8 percent were non-users. 47.6 percent were male and the rest were female.

3.2. Measures

Binary logistic regression was used to analyze the impact of age, gender, marital status, education, comfort level with computers and previous online shopping experience on the likelihood of using internet banking. The dependent variable was a dichotomous variable showing whether a person was an internet banking user or not. "Internet banking non-user" was coded as 0, whereas "internet banking user" was coded as 1. The dependent variables were demographic variables including age, gender, income, marital status, education and profession. Demographic variables were coded as categorical variables. In addition to the demographic variables, two additional predictors of internet banking usage were utilized: comfort level with computers (Table 2) and previous online shopping experience (Table 3). Respondents were asked to rate their comfort level with using computers on a Likert scale of 1-7 where 1 was "very uncomfortable" and 7 was "very comfortable". Moreover, respondents were asked whether they have ever shopped online. "No" was coded as 0 and "Yes" was coded as 1.

4. Logistic Regression Results

Table 4 shows the binomial regression results on factors predicting internet banking adoption. The full model was statistically significant ($\chi^2(19) = 197.45$, $p < 0.01$). Thus, the model was successfully able to distinguish between respondents who used internet banking and respondents who did not. The Cox and Snell R^2 value was 0.34, whereas Nagelkerke R^2 was 0.48. The model also correctly classified 76.2 percent of cases.

The results indicate that age was significantly linked with internet banking adoption ($p < 0.05$). However, only the β coefficient for 56-65 year olds was significant and negative. 56-65 year olds were 86 percent less likely to adopt internet banking compared to 18-25 year olds. Therefore, H1 is accepted.

The effect of gender on internet banking adoption was significant and positive. Males were 1.76 times more likely to use internet banking than females ($p < 0.05$). Therefore, H2 is accepted.

The strongest predictor of internet banking usage was income. Increasing income was associated with increased odds of adopting internet banking. Respondents whose income was between 1,501 – 3,000 TL were 3.65 times more likely to adopt internet banking compared to the respondents with an income level of 0 – 1,500 TL ($p < 0.01$). Respondents whose income was more than 3,001 TL were 7.1 times more likely to adopt internet banking than respondents with 0 – 1,500 TL income ($p < 0.01$). Therefore, H3 is accepted.

The results indicate that marital status was associated with internet banking adoption as well. Married individuals were 54 percent less likely to adopt internet banking ($p < 0.01$). Therefore, H4 is rejected.

There was no significant overall effect of education on internet banking adoption. However, the association of people with master's or Ph.D. degrees with internet banking adoption was significant and positive. Respondents with master's or Ph.D. degrees were 3.51 times more likely to adopt internet banking compared to primary and secondary school graduates ($p < 0.05$). Therefore, H5 is accepted.

The results show that professions were linked with internet banking adoption. The sole proprietors were 73 percent less likely to adopt internet banking compared to banking personnel ($p < 0.05$). Public sector workers were 86 percent less likely to adopt internet banking than banking personnel ($p < 0.01$). Private sector workers were 77 percent less likely to adopt internet banking than banking personnel ($p < 0.01$). Finally, students were 85 percent less likely to adopt internet banking compared to banking personnel ($p < 0.01$). Therefore, H6 is accepted.

Comfort level with computers and previous online shopping experience were also positively related to internet banking adoption. For every unit increase in comfort level with computers, an individual was 1.71 times more likely to use internet banking. Individuals who had shopped online previously were 2.87 times more likely to use internet banking compared to the individuals who had never shopped on line. Therefore, H7 and H8 are both accepted.

5. Conclusion and future studies

This study used a set of predictors to predict the likelihood of adopting internet banking with the help of logistic regression analysis.

The results show that mature adults were less likely to use internet banking than 18-25 year olds. Males and married individuals were less likely to use internet banking. The likelihood of adopting internet banking increased with increasing income and with people who had master's or Ph.D. Degrees. Banking personnel were more likely to adopt internet banking compared to sole proprietors, public sector workers, private sector workers and students. An increasing comfort level with computers and online shopping experience increased the likelihood of using internet banking.

Bank managers in North Cyprus should use the results of the present research to market internet banking services to those who are more likely to adopt internet banking. At the same time, promotional campaigns should be targeted to non-users so that they become users of internet banking. Computer classes should be provided by the banks to the customers to increase their computer comfort level.

Logistic regression analysis can be combined with fuzzy logic analysis to do similar studies in North Cyprus.

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